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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A hockey stick shaft, comprising;
an elongated main body portion having an exterior surface and a first coefficient of friction;
and
at least one rib portion having an exterior surface and a second coefficient of friction, said rib portion and said main body portion being ~~coextruded at the time of formation~~ a unitary part fabricated from a single extrusion;
wherein said second coefficient of friction is greater than said first coefficient of friction.

Claim 2 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body portion has a generally rectangular cross-section.

Claim 3 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body portion comprises polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

Claim 4 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1 wherein said rib portion comprises ethylene vinyl acetate, sanoprene or low density polyethylene.

Claim 5 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body portion is hollow.

Claim 6 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
a hockey stick blade fastened to the distal end of said main body portion.

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Claim 7 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body portion has an exterior surface and a longitudinal axis, and wherein said rib portion is coextruded on said exterior surface of said main body portion generally parallel to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 8 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 7 wherein said rib portion extends from a proximal end of said main body portion to a distal end of said main body portion.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A hockey stick, comprising:

a hockey stick shaft having an elongated main body portion with an exterior surface having a first coefficient of friction, at least one rib portion with an exterior surface having a second coefficient of friction, ~~wherein said rib portion and said main body portion are coextruded at the time of formation~~ being a unitary part fabricated from a single extrusion, and wherein said second coefficient of friction is greater than said first coefficient of friction; and

a hockey stick blade.

Claim 10 (original) The hockey stick as set forth in claim 9, further comprising:

a handle.

Claim 11 (withdrawn) A method of forming a hockey stick shaft, comprising:

introducing into an extrusion device material with a first coefficient of friction, for forming a main body portion of said hockey stick shaft;

introducing into an extrusion device material with a second coefficient of friction, for forming a rib portion of said hockey stick shaft;

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co-extruding said main body portion material and said rib portion material through said extrusion device to form said hockey stick shaft with said rib portion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of said main body portion.

Claim 12 (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 11, further comprising:
attaching a blade to said hockey stick shaft.

Claim 13 (currently amended) A hockey stick shaft, comprising:
an elongated main body portion having an exterior surface and a first coefficient of friction;
and
at least one rib portion having an exterior surface and a second coefficient of friction, said rib portion being extruded on said main body portion, said rib portion and said main body portion being a unitary part;
wherein said second coefficient of friction is greater than said first coefficient of friction.

Claim 14 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13 wherein said main body portion has a generally rectangular cross-section.

Claim 15 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13 wherein said main body portion comprises polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

Claim 16 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13 wherein said rib portion comprises ethylene vinyl acetate, sanoprene or low density polyethylene.

Claim 17 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13 wherein said main body portion is hollow.

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Claim 18 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13, further comprising:
a hockey stick blade fastened to the distal end of said main body portion.

Claim 19 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 13 wherein said main body portion has an exterior surface and a longitudinal axis, and wherein said rib portion is coextruded on said exterior surface of said main body portion generally parallel to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 20 (original) The hockey stick shaft as set forth in claim 19 wherein said rib portion extends from a proximal end of said main body portion to a distal end of said main body portion.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A hockey stick, comprising:

a hockey stick shaft having an elongated main body portion with an exterior surface having a first coefficient of friction, at least one rib portion with an exterior surface having a second coefficient of friction, wherein said rib portion is extruded on said main body portion, said rib portion and said main body portion being a unitary part, and wherein said second coefficient of friction is greater than said first coefficient of friction; and

a hockey stick blade.

Claim 22 (original) The hockey stick as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:

a handle.

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Claim 23 (withdrawn) A method of forming a hockey stick shaft, comprising:

- introducing into an extrusion device material with a first coefficient of friction, for forming a main body portion of said hockey stick shaft;

- introducing into an extrusion device material with a second coefficient of friction, for forming a rib portion of said hockey stick shaft;

- extruding said main body portion material through said extrusion device;

- extruding said rib portion material through said extrusion device;

- to form said hockey stick shaft with said rib portion extending outwardly from an exterior surface of said main body portion.

Claim 24 (withdrawn) The method as set forth in claim 23, further comprising:

- attaching a blade to said hockey stick shaft.